

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING MINUTES | MAY 2, 2018

Minutes of the Pequea Township Board of Supervisors Hearing held at 7:00 PM on May 2, 2018 at the West Willow Fire Company, 192 West Willow Road, Willow Street, PA 17584.

Present at the meeting were:

Robert Race, Jr., Chair
Cynthia Evans-Herr, Vice-Chair
E. John Hlavacek, Supervisor

Others present:

Michael Pykosh, Township Solicitor
Lori Ann Leitch, Secretary-Treasurer
John R. Michener, Chief of Police
Sign-in Sheet Attached

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Race called the hearing to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

HEARING:

Fire Company Recognition Ordinance

- The first and foremost priority of this meeting is to publicly conduct Pequea Township business. In that effort, the Supervisors sincerely ask everyone in attendance to stay focused on what is of best interest for our township and during that process be respectful towards other people's comments, concerns and/or feelings. Expression of personal feelings of disrespect or disruption of this meeting is not an option.
- Notice has been properly advertised and a copy of the proposed Fire Company Recognition Ordinance has been made available at the Municipal Office and at LNP Media Group.

Solicitor Pykosh provided a brief summary of the proposed Ordinance and corresponding Resolutions. He then read the recommendations of the Fire Protection Evaluation Committee and the draft of the Fire Company Consolidation Resolution.

J. Martin Harnish of 56 West Willow Road asked if the terms of the Consolidation Resolution constitute a relationship between Pequea Township and the volunteer fire companies that could compromise their status as separate entities. Solicitor Pykosh replied the Township is not involved in the policy making or day-to-day operations of the fire companies.

Thomas Haas of 2194 New Danville Pike inquired about the cost associated with consolidation. Solicitor Pykosh responded the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) may offer a grant to assist with the expense.

Ordinance # 210-2018

Chair Race moved to adopt Ordinance 210-2018 to recognize the volunteer fire companies providing fire protection services within the Township and their relief associations; to authorize activities of the fire companies and members of the fire companies for the purpose of defining public fire fighting duties; and to provide additional protection to fire fighters under the Workers' Compensation Law and the Governmental Immunity Act and eligibility for benefits under the Pennsylvania State Death Benefit Act

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and the Police Officer, Firefighter, Correction Employee and National Guard Member Child Beneficiary Education Act. Supervisor Hlavacek seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Resolution # 482-2018

Chair Race moved to adopt Resolution 482-2018 of the Board of Supervisors of Pequea Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, providing for the consolidation of the fire companies of the Township. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Resolution # 483-2018

Chair Race moved to adopt Resolution 483-2018 of the Board of Supervisors of Pequea Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, assigning first due response territories for the Fire Companies providing fire protection service in the Township. Supervisor Hlavacek seconded the motion.

RECESS

Chair Race called a recess at 7:23 PM for the leaders of the fire companies to discuss the first due response territories. New Danville Fire Company representatives, Kenneth Stauffer, President, and Bradley Shenk, Chief, met in another room with the West Willow Fire Company representatives, J. Martin Harnish, President, and Jason Topper, Chief.

RECONVENE

Upon the return of the Fire Company Presidents and Chiefs, Chair Race called the hearing back in session at 7:29 PM.

Chief Shenk referenced the former Fire Districts Map and listed the following areas to be added to the New Danville Fire Company's first due response territory in Pequea Township if approved by the Board of Supervisors:

- Marticville Road from West Penn Grant Road to Baumgardner Road.
- Run Valley Road from Marticville Road to the Conestoga Township line.
- Silver Mine Road in its entirety.
- Long Lane from the Conestoga Township line to the West Lampeter Township line including the intersection of Long Lane and Millwood Road.
- Millwood Road from Long Lane to the West Lampeter Township line.

Chair Race amended his motion to change Section 3 of Resolution 483-2018 to take effect in five (5) days, instead of immediately, to match the effective date of Ordinance 210-2018. Vice-Chair Evans-Herr seconded the amended motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Chair Race confirmed the insurance policies held by the fire companies are sufficient. Solicitor Pykosh stated the West Willow Fire Company does not have molestation insurance, but it is not required due to the discontinuation of their junior firefighter program.

Chief Shenk requested a few months without meetings to regroup.

CLOSE HEARING

Chair Race adjourned the hearing at 7:40 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,



Lori Ann Leitch, Secretary



018-05-02 Board of Supervisors Hearing Sign-in Sheet

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Larry Rembath

Joseph Stinner

Tim Gilbert

Joe Tapp

Gene Rind

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John Smith

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Shirley Green

Ruth Hannah

Alex FCHC

Don Tate

John Henry

Walt Miller

Bang Aker

Walter Shamp

Paul Smith

Tom Tapp

John Smith

John Smith

Sete Justisio

John Smith

John Smith

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